

# Jason Hawkins

## *Radio host and personality*

After finishing school he volunteered at Triple M Brisbane. His big break came when he didn't cue the ads correctly. Kyle Sandilands who was on air at the time, yelled at him asking what they pay him for. When Labby responded 'they don't pay me', Kyle demanded he get paid, from then on the Labrat became an official employee of the Austereo Network. The rest, as they say, is history!



He scored a promotion, and became the night producer on MMM Brisbane, then Kyle poached him, bringing him down to Sydney to become the new "Hot 30 Stunt Guy".

During his time on the *Hot 30 Countdown* he broke into Britney's hotel room, was thrown from a moving van by R.E.M, stalked Tom and Nicole on Sydney Harbour in the dark on a jetski, was almost arrested for storming the stage of Big Brother, thrown out of a plane, and shot in the chest. Safer opportunities called, moving him across the country to 92.9 in Perth for two years hosting the drive timeslot.

In 2004 Labby moved back to Sydney to co-host the *Hot 30 Countdown*, the highest rating nightly countdown show in Australia. Months later, he was offered his own show on Sydney drive, winning his timeslot in 2005 - 2007 before being offered Breakfast in Brisbane on B105.

In 2011 the *Labby Camilla & Stav* show celebrated its 3rd year at B105, holding the coveted number one FM breakfast spot in Brisbane. Throughout his career he's lost his pants playing "Strip Q&A" back stage with the Backstreet Boys, played darts with the Black Eyed Peas as the "human" dart board, re-created his high school dance with Miranda Kerr, and had then Prime Minister Kevin Rudd over at his place for a BBQ the night before the election, causing a media scrum on his front lawn.

Labby has hosted the national Saturday night show on Austereo, Loaded, and Rumba, a major international music festival held in Australia.

In 2006 and 2007 Labby featured on the *Australian Idol* Grand Finals as a roving reporter.

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